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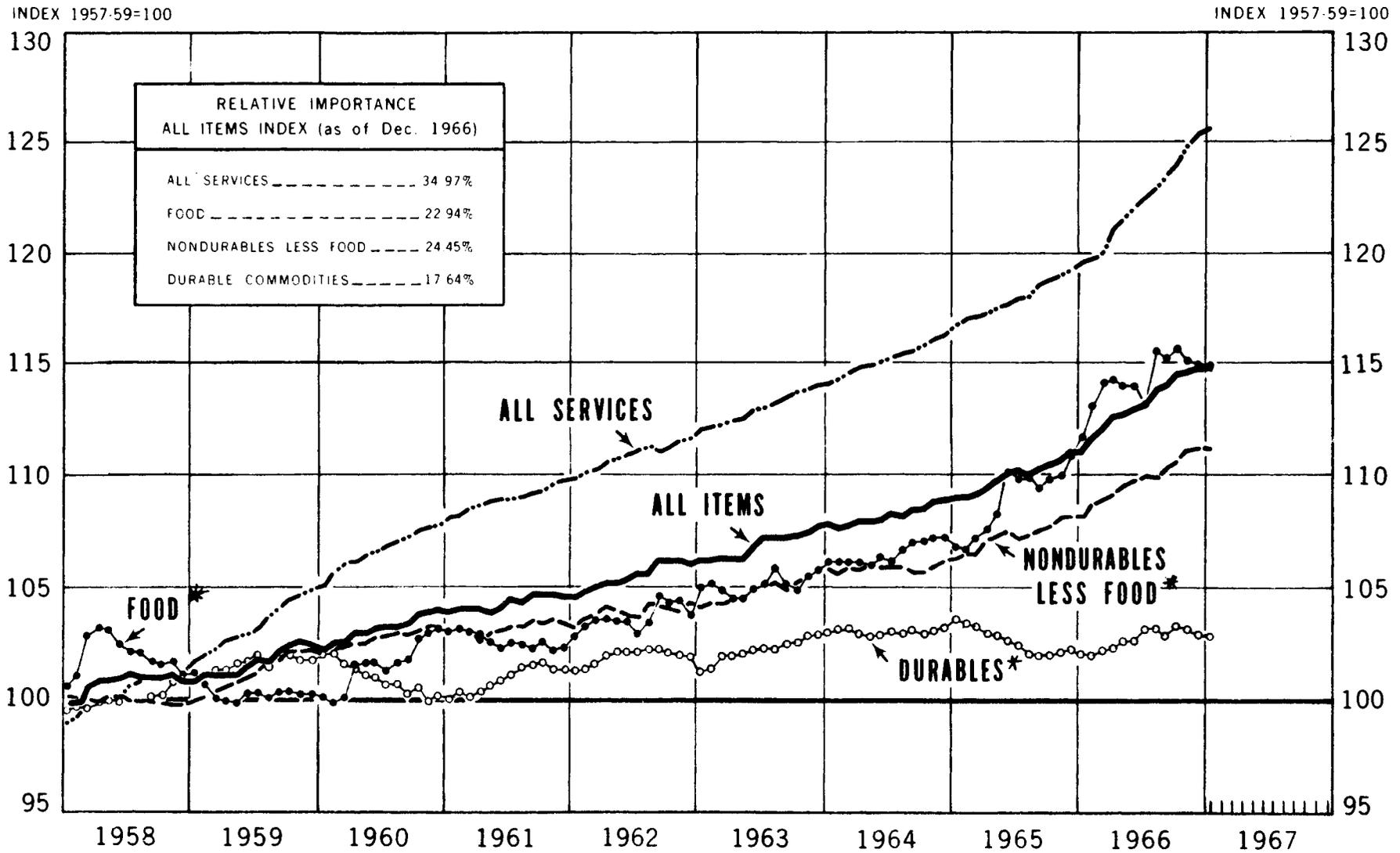
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# CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES: COMMODITIES AND SERVICES

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR JANUARY 1967

The Consumer Price Index held steady in January at its December level of 114.7 (1957-59=100), the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today. Declines in prices of food, apparel, and automobiles were offset by further increases in charges for consumer services. In the past 3 months, living costs as measured by the Consumer Price Index have risen by only 0.2 percent.

Price Changes, December 1966 to January 1967

Apparel prices dropped 1 percent, slightly less than usual for January as a result of the traditional clearance sales of winter clothing. The largest reductions were for women's coats, sweaters, and wool dresses. Men's topcoats, suits, and slacks also were marked down. Preliminary data indicate that retail sales of apparel were down nearly 5 percent from a year ago and inventories were somewhat larger. Household textile prices also were reduced in the usual January "white sales."

Lower prices for beef, poultry, and eggs brought average food prices in grocery stores down by 0.3 percent despite a climb in prices of several fresh fruits and vegetables, notably apples, bananas, and cucumbers. However, restaurant meal prices continued to go up, with an increase of 0.6 percent in January. The decline in beef prices resulted from a temporary bulge in beef slaughter. The price drop for frying chickens and eggs also were caused by increased supplies.

A decline of 1.1 percent in prices of used cars in January was about in line with seasonal expectations, but the 1 percent slide for new cars was larger than usual. Inventories of new cars were unusually high in January in relation to the volume of sales. Larger trade-in and other allowances are being made to promote sales.

The climb in charges for consumer services, particularly medical care, continued in January at the accelerated pace of recent months. Medical care services were up by nearly 1 percent, with boosts of 2.8 percent for hospital services, 1.1 percent for health insurance, and 0.5 percent in doctors' and dentists' fees. Residential rents and charges for various household and personal services also were increased last month.

Price Trends, January 1966 to January 1967

The Consumer Price Index for January stood 3.3 percent above a year ago. More than half of the increase has been caused by a 5 percent jump in consumer service charges. Medical care services were up by 8-1/2 percent and household services 6 percent over the year. Many of these services are substantially influenced by labor costs.

Food prices in January 1967, had declined by almost 1 percent from their October 1966 peak on a seasonally adjusted basis. However, they remained 3 percent above a year ago in January, when they accounted for only about one-fifth of

the increase in the total Consumer Price Index over the year. Prices of pork, poultry, orange juice, celery, lettuce, coffee, and several processed fruits and vegetables were actually down significantly from a year ago.

Apparel prices averaged 3.7 percent higher than a year ago in January, with an especially sharp increase of more than 6 percent for footwear. Prices of textile housefurnishings had risen more than 2-1/2 percent over the year and gasoline prices were up by more than 3 percent.

The most stable prices, generally, have been those for durable consumer goods, except furniture, for which prices climbed 4-1/2 percent during the past year. Appliance prices eased down by a half of one percent, new car prices were nearly even with a year ago, and used car prices were off by more than 1-1/2 percent. In January, consumer durable goods as a whole averaged less than 1 percent above a year earlier.

#### Cost-of-Living Adjustments

Wages of more than a million workers in the automobile, automotive parts, farm and construction machinery, and aerospace industries, are covered by contracts calling for review of cost-of-living allowances based on the January Consumer Price Index. However, most of these will not receive any increase, inasmuch as the index has risen only 0.2 percent since October 1966. About 440,000 workers in the trucking industry, under the terms of their agreement, would normally be entitled to receive 11 cents an hour based on the change in the index since December 1965. Some of the increase may go into fringe benefits, depending upon negotiations.

TABLE 1: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers  
Major group, subgroup, and special group indexes, January 1967  
and percent changes from selected dates

Group	Indexes (1957-59=100)					Percent Change to January 1967 from--				
	January 1967		December 1966		January 1966	December 1966		October 1966		January 1966
	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted*	unadjusted	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted**	Unad-justed	Seasonally adjusted**	unadjusted
All items -----	114.7	-----	114.7	-----	111.0	0	-----	0.2	-----	3.3
Food -----	114.7	114.9	114.8	115.3	111.4	- 0.1	- 0.3	- .8	- 0.8	3.0
Food at home -----	112.3	112.5	112.6	113.1	109.8	- .3	- .5	- 1.3	- 1.3	2.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.8	-----	118.8	-----	113.0	0	-----	.4	-----	5.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	110.3	110.4	110.9	111.3	112.9	- .5	- .8	- 3.1	- 2.1	- 2.3
Dairy products -----	116.4	115.8	116.5	115.9	106.6	- .1	- .1	- .6	- .6	9.2
Fruits and vegetables -----	115.3	118.5	114.3	117.6	111.3	.9	.8	0	- 2.0	3.6
Other foods at home -----	104.9	104.4	105.7	104.9	102.9	- .8	- .5	- 1.0	- .1	1.9
Food away from home -----	127.0	-----	126.3	-----	120.4	.6	-----	1.4	-----	5.5
Housing -----	113.1	-----	113.0	-----	109.2	.1	-----	.8	-----	3.6
Shelter <u>1/</u> -----	116.5	-----	116.4	-----	112.0	.1	-----	.9	-----	4.0
Rent -----	111.4	-----	111.3	-----	109.7	.1	-----	.4	-----	1.5
Homeownership <u>2/</u> -----	118.7	-----	118.6	-----	113.1	.1	-----	1.1	-----	5.0
Fuel and utilities <u>3/</u> -----	108.6	108.2	108.4	108.0	106.4	.2	.2	.5	.2	2.1
Fuel oil and coal <u>4/</u> -----	110.5	108.3	110.2	108.3	108.9	.3	0	2.0	.2	1.5
Gas and electricity -----	108.3	-----	107.9	-----	107.9	.4	-----	.3	-----	.4
Household furnishings and operation -----	106.7	-----	106.7	-----	103.6	0	-----	.6	-----	3.0
Apparel and upkeep <u>5/</u> -----	111.3	111.9	112.3	111.7	107.3	- .9	.2	- .2	1.0	3.7
Men's and boys' -----	111.6	111.9	112.6	111.9	108.6	- .9	0	.1	.7	2.8
Women's and girls' -----	106.4	107.5	108.1	107.1	102.6	- 1.6	.4	- 1.0	1.1	3.7
Footwear -----	122.9	123.0	122.9	122.5	115.6	0	.4	.6	.8	6.3
Transportation -----	113.4	113.2	113.8	113.3	111.2	- .4	- .1	- .8	- .8	2.0
Private -----	111.4	111.3	111.7	111.4	109.6	- .3	- .1	- .8	- .6	1.6
Public -----	129.8	-----	129.8	-----	122.0	0	-----	.2	-----	6.4
Health and recreation -----	121.4	-----	121.0	-----	116.9	.3	-----	.8	-----	3.8
Medical care -----	132.9	-----	131.9	-----	124.2	.8	-----	1.9	-----	7.0
Personal care -----	113.8	-----	113.7	-----	110.4	.1	-----	.4	-----	3.1
Reading and recreation -----	118.5	-----	118.4	-----	115.7	.1	-----	.4	-----	2.4
Other goods and services <u>6/</u> -----	116.2	-----	115.9	-----	113.4	.3	-----	.3	-----	2.5
<b>Special groups:</b>										
All items less shelter -----	114.2	-----	114.3	-----	110.8	- .1	-----	- .1	-----	3.1
All items less food -----	114.8	-----	114.9	-----	111.1	- .1	-----	.3	-----	3.3
Commodities <u>7/</u> -----	109.9	110.1	110.1	110.1	107.4	- .2	0	- .4	- .1	2.3
Nondurables -----	112.7	112.9	113.0	113.1	109.6	- .3	- .2	- .4	- .1	2.8
Durables <u>7/ 8/</u> -----	102.7	102.7	103.1	102.9	101.9	- .4	- .2	- .8	- .6	.8
Services <u>9/</u> -----	125.5	-----	125.2	-----	119.5	.2	-----	1.1	-----	5.0
Commodities less food <u>7/</u> -----	107.3	107.4	107.7	107.4	105.3	- .4	0	- .3	.1	1.9
Nondurables less food -----	111.0	111.1	111.4	111.1	108.0	- .4	0	.1	.5	2.8
Apparel commodities -----	110.1	110.8	111.2	110.5	106.2	- 1.0	.3	- .3	1.2	3.7
Apparel commodities less footwear -----	107.6	108.4	108.8	108.0	104.3	- 1.1	.4	- .5	1.1	3.2
Nondurables less food and apparel -----	111.6	-----	111.6	-----	109.1	0	-----	.4	-----	2.3
New cars -----	97.6	96.9	98.6	97.5	97.4	- 1.0	- .6	- .8	- 1.0	.2
Used cars -----	113.0	115.1	114.2	114.0	114.8	- 1.1	1.0	- 6.5	- 3.8	- 1.6
Household durables <u>10/</u> -----	97.6	-----	97.7	-----	96.1	- .1	-----	.2	-----	1.6
Housefurnishings -----	99.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	97.6	- .3	0	.2	.5	2.2
Services less rent <u>9/</u> -----	128.8	-----	128.3	-----	121.8	.4	-----	1.3	-----	5.7
Household services less rent -----	125.1	-----	124.9	-----	117.9	.2	-----	1.3	-----	6.1
Transportation services -----	126.9	-----	126.5	-----	122.5	.3	-----	.8	-----	3.6
Medical care services -----	140.6	-----	139.4	-----	129.5	.9	-----	2.3	-----	8.6
Other services <u>11/</u> -----	129.1	-----	128.9	-----	123.8	.2	-----	.7	-----	4.3
All items index on other bases:										
1947-49=100 -----	140.7	-----	140.7	-----	136.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=100 -----	236.9	-----	236.9	-----	229.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:										
1957-59=\$1.00 -----	\$0.872	-----	\$0.872	-----	\$0.901	0	-----	- .1	-----	- 3.2
1947-49=\$1.00 -----	.711	-----	.711	-----	.734	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939=\$1.00 -----	.422	-----	.422	-----	.436	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

1/ Also includes hotel and motel rates not shown separately.  
2/ Includes home purchase, mortgage interest, taxes, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.  
3/ Also includes telephone, water, and sewerage service not shown separately.  
4/ Called "Solid and petroleum fuels" prior to 1964.  
5/ Also includes infants' wear, sewing materials, jewelry, and apparel upkeep services not shown separately.  
6/ Includes tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and funeral, legal, and bank service charges.  
7/ Includes home purchase costs which were classified under services prior to 1964.  
8/ Also includes auto parts, toys, and recreational goods not shown separately.  
9/ Excludes home purchase costs which were classified under this heading prior to 1964.  
10/ Called "Durables less cars" prior to 1964.  
11/ Includes the services components of apparel, personal care, reading and recreation, and other goods and services.  
\* Recalculated indexes, based on updated seasonal factors.  
\*\* Percent changes based on recalculated indexes, using updated seasonal factors.

TABLE 2. Consumer Price Index--The United States and Selected Areas  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, All Items  
Most recent index and percent changes from selected dates

Area <u>1/</u>	Pricing Schedule <u>2/</u>	Indexes			Percent change from:	
		1957-59=100	1947-49=100	Other bases	October 1966	January 1966
		January 1967			October 1966	January 1966
U.S. City Average -----	M	114.7	140.7		0.2	3.3
Chicago -----	M	111.8	141.0		- .2	2.9
Detroit -----	M	113.3	139.7		.6	4.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach -	M	115.8	144.4		- .1	2.7
New York -----	M	117.5	141.6		- .3	3.6
Philadelphia -----	M	115.0	141.2		0	3.0
		January 1967			October 1966	January 1966
Boston -----	1	118.6	146.9		0.1	4.1
Houston -----	1	113.0	139.2		.5	2.7
Minneapolis-St. Paul ---	1	113.4	140.3		0	2.6
Pittsburgh -----	1	114.0	140.4		- .1	2.7
		November 1966			August 1966	November 1965
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100) -	2	-----	-----	108.0	0.3	3.3
Cleveland -----	2	110.9	137.7		.6	2.9
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) --	2	-----	-----	106.5	.9	3.7
Milwaukee -----	2	111.6	140.7		.1	2.7
San Diego (Feb.1965=100)	2	-----	-----	103.5	1.5	3.2
Seattle -----	2	115.6	145.3		1.0	3.4
Washington -----	2	114.6	138.0		.5	3.7
		December 1966			September 1966	December 1965
Atlanta -----	3	113.3	140.3		0.4	3.8
Baltimore -----	3	114.5	142.1		.2	3.2
Cincinnati -----	3	111.2	135.3		- .4	3.1
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	3	-----	-----	106.6	.9	2.6
Kansas City -----	3	117.3 v	145.1		.2	2.4
St. Louis -----	3	114.9	142.6		.2	3.0
San Francisco-Oakland --	3	117.2	148.7		.7	3.2

1/ Area coverage includes the urban portion of the corresponding Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) except for New York and Chicago where the more extensive Standard Consolidated Areas are used. Area definitions are those established for the 1960 Census and do not include revisions made since 1960.

2/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all cities; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

- M - Every month.
- 1 - January, April, July, and October.
- 2 - February, May, August, and November.
- 3 - March, June, September, and December.

TABLE 3: Consumer Price Index--The United States and Selected Areas <sup>1/</sup>  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Major Groups  
Percent change from December 1966 to January 1967

Group	U.S. City Average	Chicago	Detroit	Los Angeles-Long Beach	New York	Philadelphia
All items -----	0	- 0.4	0	- 0.4	- 0.1	- 0.3
Food -----	- 0.1	- .5	- 0.1	- .3	.2	- .3
Housing -----	.1	- .1	- .1	- .2	0	.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	- .9	- 1.2	- .5	- 1.1	- 1.8	- 2.0
Transportation -----	- .4	- .3	- .1	- 1.8	- .1	- .3
Health and recreation -----	.3	.1	.8	.1	.5	.2
Medical care -----	.8	.7	.6	- .1	1.0	.5
Personal care -----	.1	- .1	.8	.5	- .8	.4
Reading and recreation -----	.1	- .2	1.7	.3	.3	- .1
Other goods and services -----	.3	.1	2	0	.9	(2/)

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote 1, table 2.

<sup>2/</sup> Not available.

TABLE 4: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers  
Major group indexes, selected dates  
(1957-59=100)

Date	All items	Food	Housing	Apparel and upkeep	Transportation	Health and recreation				
						Total	Medical care	Personal care	Reading and recreation	Other goods and services
1967: Jan.	114.7	114.7	113.1	111.3	113.4	121.4	132.9	113.8	118.5	116.2
1966: Dec.	114.7	114.8	113.0	112.3	113.8	121.0	131.9	113.7	118.4	115.9
Nov.	114.6	114.8	112.6	112.0	114.5	120.8	131.3	113.4	118.3	116.0
Oct.	114.5	115.6	112.2	111.5	114.3	120.4	130.4	113.3	118.0	115.9
Sept.	114.1	115.6	111.8	110.7	113.3	119.9	129.4	113.0	117.5	115.7
Aug.	113.8	115.8	111.5	109.2	113.5	119.5	128.4	112.7	117.4	115.5
July	113.3	114.3	111.3	109.2	113.5	119.1	127.7	112.5	117.2	115.3
June	112.9	113.9	111.1	109.4	112.2	118.7	127.0	112.2	117.0	114.9
May	112.6	113.5	110.7	109.3	112.0	118.4	126.3	112.0	116.8	114.7
Apr.	112.5	114.0	110.3	108.7	112.0	118.1	125.8	111.6	116.8	114.3
Mar.	112.0	113.9	109.6	108.2	111.4	117.6	125.3	111.0	116.6	113.8
Feb.	111.6	113.1	109.4	107.6	111.1	117.1	124.5	110.8	115.9	113.6
Jan.	111.0	111.4	109.2	107.3	111.2	116.9	124.2	110.4	115.7	113.4
Annual Average: 1966	113.1	114.2	111.1	109.6	112.7	119.0	127.7	112.2	117.1	114.9
1965	109.9	108.8	108.5	106.8	111.1	115.6	122.3	109.9	115.2	111.4
1964	108.1	106.4	107.2	105.7	109.3	113.6	119.4	109.2	114.1	108.8
1963	106.7	105.1	106.0	104.8	107.8	111.4	117.0	107.9	111.5	107.1
1962	105.4	103.6	104.8	103.6	107.2	109.4	114.2	106.5	109.6	105.3
1961	104.2	102.6	103.9	103.0	105.0	107.3	111.3	104.6	107.2	104.6
1956	94.7	94.7	95.5	97.8	91.3	93.6	91.8	93.7	93.4	95.8

TABLE 5: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas <sup>1/</sup>  
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups  
 January 1967 indexes and percent changes from October 1966

Group	U.S. City Average	Boston	Chicago	Detroit	Houston	Los Angeles- Long Beach	Minn- neapolis- St. Paul	New York	Phila- delphia	Pitts- burgh
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)										
All items -----	114.7	118.6	111.8	113.3	113.0	115.8	113.4	117.5	115.0	114.0
Food -----	114.7	119.0	114.1	113.0	116.6	113.7	113.0	115.5	113.7	111.3
Food at home -----	112.3	115.1	113.1	110.7	113.8	109.7	111.1	111.6	110.7	110.1
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.8	124.4	120.3	111.9	124.9	119.7	109.3	117.7	115.1	117.7
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	110.3	115.3	111.6	111.9	107.3	102.2	109.6	110.8	106.3	110.7
Dairy products -----	116.4	112.0	123.7	119.6	118.2	116.4	120.1	109.1	119.5	107.7
Fruits and vegetables -----	115.3	120.1	110.5	107.2	119.9	120.8	112.6	117.5	115.5	113.2
Other foods at home -----	104.9	105.8	104.2	103.4	107.2	98.1	106.3	103.9	102.6	104.5
Food away from home -----	127.0	135.8	119.2	126.2	129.3	128.7	121.1	133.1	130.3	118.7
Housing -----	113.1	120.3	110.5	108.3	109.0	118.2	110.3	117.3	112.9	112.1
Shelter -----	116.5	126.9	112.8	110.3	106.0	124.7	115.6	120.2	115.4	110.9
Rent <sup>2/</sup> -----	111.4	125.2	107.5	-----	101.3	112.0	110.2	-----	112.1	110.1
Homeownership -----	118.7	127.7	115.5	112.9	107.8	129.0	116.6	119.3	116.4	111.0
Fuel and utilities -----	108.6	108.9	106.1	102.5	117.8	104.8	101.5	109.7	107.3	116.6
Fuel oil and coal -----	110.5	117.5	105.9	105.0	-----	-----	104.9	116.1	115.0	-----
Gas and electricity -----	108.3	101.5	106.5	104.3	129.8	111.0	97.9	110.8	102.3	116.1
Household furnishings and operation -----	106.7	113.1	107.1	103.4	112.1	105.1	101.6	113.1	107.6	108.9
Apparel and upkeep -----	111.3	111.1	107.1	112.2	107.9	110.3	109.4	113.8	116.5	114.2
Men's and boys' -----	111.6	104.6	106.7	109.0	107.8	111.4	116.2	112.8	111.7	108.1
Women's and girls' -----	106.4	106.9	101.6	112.1	101.5	108.8	101.1	108.3	111.8	108.5
Footwear -----	122.9	123.8	120.1	122.4	126.1	118.2	120.8	123.5	123.7	128.3
Transportation -----	113.4	117.1	109.5	112.4	111.2	118.2	114.1	114.8	119.1	115.1
Private -----	111.4	111.3	109.8	110.6	108.0	114.2	112.6	113.1	115.0	110.2
Public -----	129.8	132.7	109.2	119.4	135.4	140.3	122.0	124.4	137.3	132.1
Health and recreation -----	121.4	122.1	115.9	123.9	121.0	115.2	122.3	126.2	120.4	122.6
Medical care -----	132.9	133.8	139.0	141.0	124.4	130.5	143.8	134.6	137.0	142.2
Personal care -----	113.8	116.1	113.3	118.7	122.2	109.4	110.3	110.7	109.9	110.7
Reading and recreation -----	118.5	123.9	102.7	116.5	118.5	106.1	117.8	128.2	113.0	115.5
Other goods and services -----	116.2	113.2	107.8	114.9	118.1	108.7	109.3	123.7	(3/)	116.3
Percent changes October 1966 to January 1967										
All items -----	0.2	0.1	- 0.2	0.6	0.5	- 0.1	0	- 0.3	0	- 0.1
Food -----	.8	.3	- 1.1	-.4	-.3	-.4	- 1.1	-.9	- 0.7	- 1.3
Food at home -----	- 1.3	- 1.1	- 1.7	-.9	- 1.1	-.9	- 1.9	- 1.5	- 1.2	- 1.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	.4	2.2	.9	.3	-.2	- 1.7	- 1.4	.3	2.1	.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	- 3.1	- 3.0	- 2.9	- 2.8	- 2.8	- 2.4	- 3.2	- 1.6	- 3.1	- 5.2
Dairy products -----	-.6	- 1.1	- 1.0	-.2	- 1.3	-.3	- 4.2	- 1.1	- 1.2	-.7
Fruits and vegetables -----	0	- 1.8	-.3	-.8	-.3	-.5	1.0	- 2.7	- 1.3	-.6
Other foods at home -----	- 1.0	-.1	- 2.7	-.6	-.6	-.4	-.9	- 1.9	- 1.3	-.9
Food away from home -----	1.4	3.3	1.0	1.8	3.1	.9	3.2	1.5	2.2	1.7
Housing -----	.8	.4	.7	1.5	1.3	.8	.6	.4	.4	.2
Shelter -----	.9	0	1.3	2.2	1.4	1.0	.7	0	-.1	.5
Rent -----	.4	.1	<sup>4/</sup> 1.7	-----	.1	<sup>4/</sup> .3	.5	-----	<sup>4/</sup> .4	.7
Homeownership -----	1.1	0	1.2	2.7	1.9	1.2	.8	0	-.3	.4
Fuel and utilities -----	.5	.9	.1	-.1	2.3	1.0	.2	2.2	.7	-.2
Fuel oil and coal -----	2.0	3.1	0	3.6	-----	-----	0	2.9	2.1	-----
Gas and electricity -----	.3	-.3	0	-.6	4.1	0	.4	3.0	.6	-.3
Household furnishings and operation -----	.6	.8	-.4	.2	.8	.1	.5	.2	1.2	0
Apparel and upkeep -----	-.2	- 1.2	- 1.1	-.2	- 1.8	-.1	- 1.2	- 1.8	-.9	-.4
Men's and boys' -----	.1	.9	- 1.5	.2	-.6	- 1.1	-.7	- 2.0	-.3	.5
Women's and girls' -----	- 1.0	- 3.1	- 2.3	-.8	- 5.6	.3	- 2.8	- 3.7	- 2.4	- 2.0
Footwear -----	.6	.7	.7	-.2	1.0	.4	.8	.2	- 1.5	.8
Transportation -----	-.8	.3	-.8	0	.9	- 2.8	-.3	-.3	-.7	-.8
Private -----	-.8	.2	-.8	-.1	.9	- 2.9	-.3	-.4	-.9	-.9
Public -----	.2	.4	0	0	-.1	0	0	0	0	0
Health and recreation -----	.8	.7	.4	1.3	.9	.4	.8	.5	1.0	1.8
Medical care -----	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.3	2.0	.9	1.8	1.6	2.5	4.6
Personal care -----	.4	1.0	-.4	1.4	.9	.6	-.4	-.5	-.1	3.6
Reading and recreation -----	.4	-.1	.2	.7	0	.5	.1	.6	0	.5
Other goods and services -----	.3	.4	-.3	.7	.3	-.2	1.0	-.2	(3/)	-.1

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote 1, table 2.

<sup>2/</sup> 1966 annual averages for Chicago, Los Angeles-Long Beach, and Philadelphia are 106.7, 111.5 and 110.9, respectively.

<sup>3/</sup> Not available.

<sup>4/</sup> Change from November 1966.

TABLE 5-A: Consumer Price Index--United States and Selected Areas <sup>1/</sup>  
 For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Commodity Groups  
 Year 1966 Indexes and Percent Changes from Year 1965

Group	Boston	Houston	Minn- eapolis- St. Paul	Pitts- burgh
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)				
All items -----	117.0	111.5	112.2	113.0
All items (1947-49=100) -----	145.0	137.4	138.8	139.2
Food -----	117.0	115.4	112.4	111.8
Food at home -----	114.1	113.5	111.5	111.1
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.2	121.4	109.1	114.6
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	117.6	111.0	113.2	117.4
Dairy products -----	107.6	112.6	118.1	102.9
Fruits and vegetables -----	122.1	120.6	113.8	115.7
Other foods at home -----	103.8	105.6	104.8	102.9
Food away from home -----	129.4	123.9	115.3	115.7
Housing -----	118.8	107.0	108.7	111.2
Shelter -----	125.8	103.8	113.3	109.6
Rent -----	124.7	100.8	109.5	109.0
Homeownership -----	126.4	105.0	114.0	109.7
Fuel and utilities -----	107.9	116.7	101.0	116.5
Fuel oil and coal -----	114.5	-----	102.6	-----
Gas and electricity -----	102.3	128.9	98.1	116.9
Household furnishings and operation -----	110.7	109.9	101.1	108.2
Apparel and upkeep -----	110.3	108.6	108.6	112.1
Men's and boys' -----	103.9	107.4	115.5	106.7
Women's and girls' -----	106.9	105.6	101.4	106.9
Footwear -----	119.5	121.7	117.9	124.2
Transportation -----	116.2	109.7	113.3	115.0
Private -----	110.4	106.5	111.7	110.2
Public -----	132.5	135.5	122.0	132.0
Health and recreation -----	119.3	118.8	120.2	119.0
Medical care -----	128.6	119.5	138.6	134.6
Personal care -----	113.5	120.8	109.5	106.1
Reading and recreation -----	122.0	118.0	117.1	113.3
Other goods and services -----	111.2	117.2	107.9	115.0
Percent changes 1965 to 1966				
All items -----	3.4	2.8	2.5	2.5
Food -----	4.0	5.7	4.9	4.0
Food at home -----	3.8	6.1	5.5	3.9
Cereals and bakery products -----	3.5	7.9	2.8	1.9
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	6.9	8.6	8.8	7.0
Dairy products -----	5.5	10.4	11.1	4.6
Fruits and vegetables -----	1.7	1.9	1.6	4.0
Other foods at home -----	.5	2.3	2.2	.4
Food away from home -----	4.7	3.8	2.4	4.1
Housing -----	3.2	1.7	1.4	2.3
Shelter -----	3.9	2.4	2.4	2.8
Rent -----	2.8	1.1	.8	1.2
Homeownership -----	4.5	2.7	2.7	3.3
Fuel and utilities -----	.6	-.9	-1.4	1.9
Fuel oil and coal -----	3.8	-----	.2	-----
Gas and electricity -----	-.9	-.9	-1.9	3.2
Household furnishings and operation -----	3.9	2.0	.1	1.4
Apparel and upkeep -----	2.4	1.6	2.7	2.7
Men's and boys' -----	2.5	1.0	3.6	1.9
Women's and girls' -----	.8	.4	2.1	1.8
Footwear -----	4.5	9.1	4.1	5.9
Transportation -----	2.5	2.0	1.9	.8
Private -----	3.0	1.8	2.0	.8
Public -----	-.3	5.9	.1	.5
Health and recreation -----	3.7	2.4	2.6	2.1
Medical care -----	4.2	2.9	4.6	3.2
Personal care -----	2.2	3.2	4.0	.4
Reading and recreation -----	2.5	-.2	1.3	2.2
Other goods and services -----	5.4	3.9	.9	1.5

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote 1, Table 2.

TABLE 6: Consumer Price Index—United States and Selected Areas  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food and its Subgroups  
January 1967 indexes and percent changes from December 1966

Area <sup>1/</sup>	Total food	Food at home						Food away from home
		Total	Cereals and bakery products	Meats, poultry, and fish	Dairy products	Fruits and vegetables	Other foods at home	
Indexes (1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)								
U.S. City Average -----	114.7	112.3	118.8	110.3	116.4	115.3	104.9	127.0
Atlanta -----	114.1	112.7	114.6	110.2	114.9	113.3	112.4	119.1
Baltimore -----	115.3	111.5	121.3	109.4	113.9	116.6	103.2	131.1
Boston -----	119.0	115.1	124.4	115.3	112.0	120.1	105.8	135.8
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	109.7	108.7	103.3	109.3	109.2	112.9	107.9	115.2
Chicago -----	114.1	113.1	120.3	111.6	123.7	110.5	104.2	119.2
Cincinnati -----	111.5	108.9	115.1	110.8	113.2	112.1	98.1	125.8
Cleveland -----	110.9	108.8	114.3	109.7	112.2	109.3	101.1	122.9
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	110.5	110.1	108.6	110.9	119.3	106.1	107.8	111.9
Detroit -----	113.0	110.7	111.9	111.9	119.6	107.2	103.4	126.2
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	108.1	108.3	109.0	110.7	103.8	110.3	104.8	107.2
Houston -----	116.6	113.8	124.9	107.3	118.2	119.9	107.2	129.3
Kansas City -----	118.0	116.5	122.6	113.6	123.7	117.3	109.9	123.4
Los Angeles-Long Beach	113.7	109.7	119.7	102.2	116.4	120.8	98.1	128.7
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	113.0	111.1	109.3	109.6	120.1	112.6	106.3	121.1
New York -----	115.5	111.6	117.7	110.8	109.1	117.5	103.9	133.1
Philadelphia -----	113.7	110.7	115.1	106.3	119.5	115.5	102.6	130.3
Pittsburgh -----	111.3	110.1	117.7	110.7	107.7	113.2	104.5	118.7
St. Louis -----	119.3	116.6	119.4	115.5	128.4	117.4	108.1	128.3
San Francisco-Oakland -	114.4	110.8	117.0	108.1	115.3	116.3	101.5	130.5
Seattle -----	114.0	110.6	110.9	110.7	119.5	112.7	102.2	128.9
Washington -----	114.7	111.4	112.1	106.7	121.3	114.0	107.5	128.3
Percent changes December 1966 to January 1967								
U.S. City Average -----	- 0.1	- 0.3	0	- 0.5	- 0.1	0.9	- 0.8	0.6
Atlanta -----	.3	.2	0.1	-.4	-.1	2.1	-.1	.7
Baltimore -----	-.6	-.8	-.5	-1.3	-.3	.4	-1.5	.2
Boston -----	.2	-.1	.7	-1.0	-.9	1.3	0	1.3
Buffalo (Nov.1963=100)	.4	.3	-1.3	.5	.6	2.3	-.7	.7
Chicago -----	-.5	-.8	-.2	-.9	-.4	1.4	-2.7	.3
Cincinnati -----	-.2	-.2	-1.3	-.1	-.1	.4	-.3	0
Cleveland -----	-.5	-.7	-.9	-.6	-1.0	-.9	-.9	.5
Dallas (Nov.1963=100) -	-.4	-.5	.2	-1.0	-.1	-1.9	.4	.1
Detroit -----	-.1	-.1	.3	-.1	0	.8	-1.6	.4
Honolulu (Dec.1963=100)	.1	0	.5	-.1	.2	-.3	.3	0
Houston -----	-.3	-.4	-.2	-.9	-.3	.7	-.5	.4
Kansas City -----	.2	.2	.2	.5	0	.6	-.5	.2
Los Angeles-Long Beach	-.3	-.3	-1.2	-.6	-.1	-.4	-.5	0
Minneapolis-St. Paul --	.1	-.1	-1.0	.2	-.2	1.1	-.8	1.0
New York -----	.2	-.1	.5	-.1	-.2	1.2	-1.3	1.3
Philadelphia -----	-.3	-.4	.3	-1.0	-.2	2.1	-1.9	.5
Pittsburgh -----	.1	0	.8	-1.1	-.2	3.0	-.8	.3
St. Louis -----	.1	-.1	.2	0	0	.6	-.8	.3
San Francisco-Oakland -	0	0	.3	-.3	-.1	.7	-.2	.1
Seattle -----	-.3	-.4	0	-.9	0	-.1	-.3	.3
Washington -----	0	0	.4	.4	.3	1.7	-2.0	0

<sup>1/</sup> See footnote 1, table 2.

TABLE 7: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items  
January 1967 indexes and percent changes from selected dates  
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to January 1967 from--		
	January 1967		December 1966		January 1966
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted <sup>4/</sup>	unadjusted
Total food -----	114.7	114.9	- 0.1	- 0.3	3.0
Food away from home -----	127.0	-----	.6	-----	5.5
Restaurant meals -----	127.3	-----	.4	-----	5.6
Snacks <u>1/</u> -----	110.0	-----	1.3	-----	5.1
Food at home -----	112.3	112.5	- .3	- .5	2.3
Cereals and bakery products -----	118.8	-----	0	-----	5.1
Flour -----	115.6	-----	.4	-----	5.2
Cracker meal <u>1/</u> -----	116.8	-----	.1	-----	1.9
Corn flakes -----	127.2	-----	.7	-----	7.3
Rice -----	107.4	-----	.1	-----	.8
Bread, white -----	125.3	-----	- .3	-----	6.5
Bread, whole wheat <u>1/</u> -----	113.5	-----	- .4	-----	6.8
Cookies -----	102.4	-----	- .1	-----	3.7
Layer cake <u>1/</u> -----	105.2	-----	- .1	-----	6.0
Cinnamon rolls <u>1/</u> -----	107.7	-----	.7	-----	5.1
Meats, poultry, and fish -----	110.3	110.4	- .5	- .8	- 2.3
Meats -----	112.8	112.7	- .5	- .7	- 3.3
Beef and veal -----	110.9	110.6	- .9	- .8	1.4
Steak, round -----	105.9	106.2	- 1.9	- 1.3	- .5
Steak, sirloin <u>2/</u> -----	103.3	-----	.2	-----	1.1
Steak, porterhouse <u>1/</u> -----	107.8	-----	.8	-----	- 1.1
Rump roast <u>1/</u> -----	103.7	-----	.9	-----	.3
Rib roast -----	118.6	117.0	.6	.3	.3
Chuck roast -----	102.4	101.6	- 2.8	- 2.3	- .9
Hamburger -----	114.2	113.5	.7	.7	4.8
Beef liver <u>1/</u> -----	106.7	-----	.5	-----	3.3
Veal cutlets -----	129.0	129.3	.4	.2	6.1
Pork -----	114.9	115.1	0	.4	- 12.2
Chops -----	114.8	114.8	2.2	.7	- 10.5
Loin roast <u>2/</u> -----	123.0	-----	.3	-----	- 10.3
Pork sausage <u>1/</u> -----	123.7	-----	1.2	-----	- 9.2
Ham, whole -----	115.0	113.5	.3	1.3	- 11.8
Picnics <u>1/</u> -----	119.2	-----	2.5	-----	- 9.6
Bacon -----	115.9	119.2	1.0	.6	- 18.3
Other meats -----	118.0	118.0	.3	.3	1.3
Lamb chops <u>1/</u> -----	118.1	-----	.4	-----	1.2
Frankfurters -----	116.4	116.9	1.0	.6	.1
Ham, canned <u>1/</u> -----	119.2	-----	.7	-----	- 3.6
Bologna sausage <u>1/</u> -----	118.0	-----	.3	-----	3.5
Salami sausage <u>1/</u> -----	113.3	-----	.1	-----	2.6
Liverwurst <u>1/</u> -----	117.1	-----	.3	-----	4.4
Poultry -----	87.4	-----	2.0	-----	- 3.1
Frying chicken -----	85.6	86.9	2.7	3.8	- 5.1
Chicken breasts <u>1/</u> -----	98.8	-----	1.3	-----	.4
Turkey <u>1/</u> -----	108.1	-----	.4	-----	3.6
Fish -----	123.1	122.6	1.0	.4	9.9
Shrimp, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	109.7	-----	.2	-----	14.5
Fish, fresh or frozen -----	125.7	125.3	.2	.4	5.0
Tuna fish, canned -----	113.7	-----	.5	-----	11.0
Sardines, canned <u>1/</u> -----	115.0	-----	4.3	-----	9.4
Dairy products -----	116.4	115.8	.1	.1	9.2
Milk, fresh, grocery -----	113.5	112.8	.2	0	8.4
Milk, fresh, delivered -----	116.3	-----	.1	-----	7.8
Milk, fresh, skim <u>1/</u> -----	110.9	-----	.1	-----	9.9
Milk, evaporated -----	117.5	-----	.3	-----	11.5
Ice cream -----	99.9	-----	0	-----	6.6
Cheese, American process -----	137.6	137.5	.4	.4	14.0
Butter -----	116.5	116.0	.9	.7	9.7

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 7: Consumer Price Index--United States City Average  
For Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, Food Items  
January 1967 indexes and percent changes from selected dates--Continued  
(1957-59=100 unless otherwise specified)

Item or Group	Index		Percent change to January 1967 from--		
	January 1967		December 1966		January 1966
	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted	Unadjusted	Seasonally adjusted <sup>4/</sup>	unadjusted
Fruits and vegetables -----	115.3	118.5	0.9	0.8	3.6
Fresh fruits and vegetables -----	120.7	126.4	1.5	1.4	7.3
Apples -----	123.8	142.6	2.7	.8	11.9
Bananas -----	93.6	98.5	3.9	5.1	14.1
Oranges -----	111.5	120.7	- 4.2	3.1	2.2
Orange juice, fresh <u>1/</u> -----	79.0	-----	- 1.3	-----	- 6.0
Grapefruit -----	122.5	142.4	.6	.9	3.2
Grapes * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Strawberries * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Watermelon * -----	*	*	*	*	*
Potatoes -----	131.0	142.9	1.5	.1	12.8
Onions -----	133.1	143.9	2.9	3.6	40.3
Asparagus * <u>1/</u> -----	*	*	*	*	*
Cabbage -----	158.6	148.4	2.7	-13.1	24.2
Carrots -----	102.9	100.3	- 1.9	- 4.4	- 1.0
Celery -----	102.1	100.2	- .4	- 5.1	- 8.6
Cucumbers <u>1/</u> -----	143.2	-----	16.8	-----	16.3
Lettuce -----	110.9	102.3	1.6	-12.0	-21.6
Peppers, green <u>1/</u> -----	157.0	-----	5.8	-----	- 1.3
Spinach <u>1/</u> -----	96.6	-----	.2	-----	.2
Tomatoes -----	135.0	122.8	- 1.3	11.8	9.0
Processed fruits and vegetables -----	108.9	-----	- .1	-----	- 1.3
Fruit cocktail, canned -----	96.9	-----	- .7	-----	- 6.7
Pears, canned <u>1/</u> -----	94.4	-----	- .7	-----	-14.3
Grapefruit-pineapple juice, canned <u>1/</u> -----	96.0	-----	0	-----	- 2.9
Orange juice concentrate, frozen -----	90.7	89.4	- 1.8	- 2.2	- 1.5
Lemonade concentrate, frozen <u>2/</u> -----	90.7	-----	1.0	-----	1.3
Beets, canned <u>1/</u> -----	104.0	-----	.2	-----	3.9
Peas, green, canned -----	121.3	-----	.5	-----	4.2
Tomatoes, canned -----	117.6	-----	.8	-----	8.5
Dried beans -----	115.9	-----	- 1.3	-----	- 6.0
Broccoli, frozen <u>1/</u> -----	98.7	-----	.6	-----	3.1
Other food at home -----	104.9	104.4	- .8	- .5	1.9
Eggs -----	106.6	103.4	- 4.7	- 2.0	1.5
Fats and oils:					
Margarine -----	107.4	-----	0	-----	5.5
Salad dressing, Italian <u>1/</u> -----	102.4	-----	.2	-----	1.3
Salad or cooking oil <u>1/</u> -----	126.3	-----	- .2	-----	13.6
Sugar and sweets -----	113.4	-----	- .1	-----	2.2
Sugar -----	111.9	-----	- .1	-----	2.8
Grape jelly -----	117.3	-----	.3	-----	1.4
Chocolate bar -----	100.5	-----	.7	-----	5.9
Syrup, chocolate flavored <u>1/</u> -----	98.6	-----	- .5	-----	- 1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages -----	99.6	-----	- .1	-----	.4
Coffee, can and bag -----	91.0	-----	- .2	-----	- 2.3
Coffee, instant <u>3/</u> -----	97.4	-----	.6	-----	.4
Tea -----	100.2	-----	- 1.3	-----	.3
Cola drink -----	133.7	-----	.7	-----	4.8
Carbonated fruit drink <u>1/</u> -----	106.4	-----	.2	-----	4.2
Prepared and partially prepared foods <u>1/</u> -----	100.3	-----	.1	-----	1.0
Bean soup, canned <u>1/</u> -----	97.1	-----	0	-----	- .7
Chicken soup, canned <u>1/</u> -----	97.1	-----	- .4	-----	- 1.7
Spaghetti, canned <u>1/</u> -----	108.1	-----	.1	-----	4.8
Mashed potatoes, instant <u>1/</u> -----	102.4	-----	.1	-----	- .7
Potatoes, french fried, frozen <u>2/</u> -----	84.7	-----	- .6	-----	- .7
Baby foods, canned -----	106.5	-----	.5	-----	1.5
Sweet pickle relish <u>1/</u> -----	106.4	-----	.2	-----	4.0
Pretzels <u>1/</u> -----	100.4	-----	.4	-----	.6

<sup>1/</sup> December 1963=100.

<sup>2/</sup> April 1960=100.

<sup>3/</sup> July 1961=100.

<sup>4/</sup> Percent changes based on recalculated indexes, using updated seasonal factors.

\* Priced only in season.

OLD SERIES

TABLE 8. Consumer Price Index--Portland, Oregon  
All Items and Commodity Groups  
January 1967 and 1966 Average  
(1957-59=100)

Group	January 1967			1966 Average	
	Index	Percent change from --		Index	Percent change from 1965
		October 1966	January 1966		
All items -----	117.1	0.4	3.7	115.3	3.1
All items (1947-49=100) -----	145.1			142.9	
Food -----	115.7	.1	3.5	114.7	4.7
Food at home -----	112.3	-.5	1.7	112.7	4.3
Cereals and bakery products-----	114.3	1.5	5.1	111.6	1.9
Meats, poultry, and fish ----	117.3	- 2.9	-.2	120.4	12.0
Dairy products -----	123.3	.3	11.2	117.4	6.3
Fruits and vegetables -----	103.6	-.4	- 5.6	109.6	- 5.3
Other foods at home -----	104.2	.2	.4	104.0	3.0
Housing -----	117.9	.6	3.7	116.1	2.6
Rent -----	112.4	1.3	2.9	110.3	1.7
Gas and electricity -----	102.5	0	0	102.5	0
Solid and petroleum fuels ----	109.2	4.8	4.8	104.6	.4
Housefurnishings -----	96.3	- 1.4	.1	97.1	-.1
Household operation -----	120.5	2.0	5.2	115.8	2.0
Apparel -----	113.8	0	2.3	112.7	3.4
Men's and boys' -----	117.3	1.2	-.2	116.8	1.2
Women's and girls' -----	109.5	- 1.1	3.7	108.1	4.2
Footwear -----	122.4	0	5.2	120.3	6.2
Other apparel -----	104.9	0	.6	104.8	2.4
Transportation -----	111.6	-.4	3.3	110.2	.9
Private -----	109.2	-.5	3.9	107.7	1.1
Public -----	126.8	0	0	126.8	0
Medical care -----	131.8	2.6	5.9	126.6	3.3
Personal care -----	118.5	.6	5.1	115.6	3.3
Reading and recreation -----	120.6	.9	.1	120.0	1.2
Other goods and services -----	117.6	.1	9.7	113.7	7.0

RELIABILITY OF INDEX CHANGE

The CPI is, of necessity, based on a complex of samples: of urban areas, of items, of outlets, etc. Hence, the changes in the estimated index may differ from what would have been obtained using different cities, items, or outlets. Until recently it was not possible to measure this sampling error, but a system of "replicated" samples was built into the CPI structure in the revision introduced in December 1963 and this now permits an estimate of the sampling error. The error, as computed, also includes some effect of collection and processing errors but would not reflect any systematic bias in the data or index techniques. Since this mechanism has been in operation only since December 1963 it cannot measure the error in the level of the CPI, which has a reference base of 1957-59.

The accompanying table shows average standard errors for monthly, quarterly, and annual percent changes in the CPI for all items and for nine commodity groupings. The figures may be interpreted as follows: the chances are about 95 out of 100 that the percent change in the published CPI differs from the corresponding "complete coverage" change by less than twice the standard error.

For any of the time period categories--i.e., monthly, quarterly or annual--the standard errors are more or less independent of the size of the percentage changes to which they relate, within the range that has occurred in recent periods. The error estimates will be updated as required.

Average Standard Errors of Percent Changes  
in the CPI

Component	Monthly Change	Quarterly Change	Annual Change
All items -----	.03	.05	.06
Food at home -----	.10	.13	.13
Food away from home -----	.05	.08	.16
Housing -----	.05	.08	.11
Apparel -----	.10	.16	.18
Transportation -----	.11	.21	.24
Medical care -----	.07	.11	.24
Personal care -----	.12	.19	.31
Reading and recreation -----	.12	.14	.27
Other -----	.10	.16	.32

Because the CPI is rounded to one decimal place, some ambiguity may arise in interpreting small index changes. The table above indicates, for example, that a month-to-month change of .1 percent in the all items CPI is significant (twice the standard error). Because of rounding, however, a change of this size in the published index might result from a much smaller change in the unrounded value. Hence, any particular change of .1 percent may or may not be significant. On the other hand, a published change of .2 percent is almost always significant, regardless of the time period to which it relates.

Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures average changes in prices of goods and services usually bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, both families and single persons living alone. It is based on prices of about 400 items which were selected to represent the movement of prices of all goods and services purchased by wage earners and clerical workers. Prices for these items are obtained in urban portions of 39 Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's) and 17 smaller cities, which were chosen to represent all urban places in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii. They are collected from grocery and department stores, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments which wage earners and clerical workers patronize.

Prices of foods, fuels, and a few other items are obtained every month in all 56 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the 5 largest SMSA's and every 3 months in other SMSA's and cities. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain local transit fares, public utility rates, newspaper prices, fuel prices, and certain other items which change in price infrequently. Prices of most other goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of all wage earners and clerical workers. SMSA and city data are then combined in the total index with weights based on the 1960 populations of SMSA's and cities they represent. Index numbers are computed on the base 1957-59=100, and are also available on the bases of 1947-49=100 and 1939=100.

The national index (the United States city average) includes prices from the 23 SMSA's for which separate indexes are published in this report, as well as from the following additional locations:

Alabama - Florence	Louisiana - Baton Rouge*	Ohio - Findlay
Alaska - Anchorage	Maine - Portland*	Oklahoma - Mangum
California - Bakersfield*	Massachusetts - Southbridge	Oregon - Klamath Falls
Colorado - Denver*	Michigan - Niles	Pennsylvania - Lancaster*
Connecticut - Hartford*	Minnesota - Crookston	South Carolina - Union
Florida - Orlando*	Mississippi - Vicksburg	Tennessee - Nashville*
Indiana - Indianapolis*	New Jersey - Millville	Texas - Austin*
Indiana - Logansport	New York - Kingston	Texas - McAllen
Illinois - Champaign-Urbana*	North Carolina - Durham*	Utah - Orem
Iowa - Cedar Rapids*	North Dakota - Devils Lake	Virginia - Martinsville
Kansas - Wichita*	Ohio - Dayton*	Wisconsin - Green Bay*

\*Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Comparisons of indexes for individual SMSA's show only that prices in one location changed more or less than in another. The SMSA indexes cannot be used to measure differences in price levels or in living costs between areas.

A description of the index and historical tables of index numbers for the United States city average and for 23 large SMSA's are available on request to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D. C. 20212 or any of its regional offices (addresses below).

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